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SIR:

Preliminary to examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, please make the following amendments in the above-identified application in order to place it in condition for examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application is the U.S. national phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/FR00/02723 filed 2 October 2000.